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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE  
PACIFIC, HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO, AT 408 CALIFORNIA  
STREET, JANUARY 31, 1891.

President HOLDEN being absent, Vice-President PIERSON presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A list of presents was read by the Secretary, and the thanks of the Society voted to the givers.

The Secretary read the names of members duly elected at the meeting of the Directors.

It was announced that a seal had been adopted by the Society.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed by the Chair, to report at the annual meeting, March 28, 1891:

A committee of three—Messrs. F. R. ZIEL, J. H. JOHNSON, A. O. LEUSCHNER—to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

A committee of five—Messrs. OTTO V. GELDERN, A. J. TREAT, W. A. DEWEY, WARREN B. EWER, W. H. LOWDEN—to nominate a Board of eleven Directors and a Publication Committee of three members and to prepare and print suitable ballots to be voted at the annual meeting. The committee was requested to print the ballots in the same form as at the last election—that is to say, so as to allow *MS.* substitutions to be easily made for the names proposed by them.

The new amendment to the By-Laws, relating to the organization of sections of the A. S. P., was then read, and the organization of the Chicago Section, of 24 members, was announced.

The following papers were announced:

a. The Carleton College Observatory, by the Director, Prof. W. W. PAYNE.

b. The August Meteors, by W. H. S. MONCK, Dublin, Ireland.

c. Corrections to WATSON's Theoretical Astronomy, by W. W. CAMPBELL, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

d. Notes on Dark Transits of *Jupiter's* Satellites, by JOHN TEBBUTT, Windsor, N. S. W.

Mr. PIERSON read an account of M. JANSSEN's ascent of Mont Blanc (printed in the present number of the *Publications*), and Mr. KEELER gave an account of his recent spectroscopic observations of the Nebula of *Orion*, which give the motion of the nebula referred to the solar system, and at the same time the normal position of the principal line of nebular spectra. A discussion of the latter subject followed, in which many of the members took part.

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 1890, FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A CHICAGO SECTION OF THE  
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC.

A meeting, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago Section of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, was held Thursday evening, November 20, 1890, at 4545 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago. GAYTON A. DOUGLASS was chosen Chairman and GEO. E. HALE Secretary *pro tem.*

The Secretary gave an account of the formation and objects of the A. S. P., and also Professor HOLDEN's advice in regard to meetings of the Chicago members.

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. EWELL, and duly seconded, that application for membership in the A. S. P. should be made on condition that a distinct "Chicago Section" be recognized by the parent body. This was put to vote, without debate, and carried.